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For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR CONNECTING INERT ANODES FOR THE  
PRODUCTION OF ALUMINIUM BY FUSED-SALT ELECTROLYSIS

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF INSUFFICIENT FEES**

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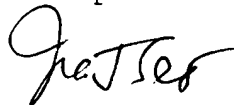
The attached Notification of Insufficient Fees mailed April 19, 2006, states that an additional claim fee is due on the basis that the application contains 17 total claims over 20.

Upon filing the present application, Applicant identified the total number of claims as being 36. This calculation was correct, because in the Preliminary Amendment, Claim 35 was cancelled. The claims in this application to be examined are therefore Claims 1 through 34, 36 and 37, for a total of 16 claims over 20.

Should the Patent Office determine that an additional claim fee is due, that fee may be deducted from Deposit Account 04-0753.

In addition, should the Patent Office determine that an extension of time is due for consideration of this paper, that fee may also be deducted from Deposit Account 04-0753.

Respectfully submitted,



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### Notification of Insufficient Fees (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Additional claim fees of \$50 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

#### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$50 for a Large Entity:

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$ 50

- \$50 for 17 total claims over 20.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

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Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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